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CHUOJI: GUIDANCE REQUESTED ON PAYING A COURTESY CALL ON NEW
RESIDENT HAFIZULLAH AMIN

REF: STATE 247582

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT I SHOULD DO ABOUT PAYING A COURTESY CONGRATULATORY CALL ON HAFIZULLAH AMIN. PRIOR TO THE RECEIPT OF REFTEL, WHICH INFORMED ME THAT NO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE WOULD BE SENT BY WASHINGTON, I HAD PLANNED ON PAYING A CALL ON HIM AFTER DELIVERY OF THE MESSAGE

3. THOUGH NO MESSAGE IS NOW TO BE SENT, I STILL THINK I SHOULD CALL ON THE NEW PRESIDENT. FAILURE TO DO SO WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN UNFRIENDLY ACT OF OMISSION BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY SINCE MOST, IF NOT ALL, OTHER CHIEFS OF MISSION, INCLUDING THOSE FROM WESTERN EMBASSIES, ARE PLANNING TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS.

4. IF I AM AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED, I WOULD LIKE YOUR IDEAS AS TO WHAT I MIGHT SAY OR ASK. I CAN THINK OF A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS I COULD USEFULLY PUT TO HIM, VIS. ANY NEW DIRECTIONS
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IN REGIONAL POLICY, OR WHAT HE HAS IN MIND FOR A NEW CONSTI-

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TUTION? AT THE VERY LEAST, I WOULD ANTICIPATE HIS REPEATING HIS GOVERNMENT'S OFT-STATED DESIRE FOR "GOOD RELATIONS" WITH EVERY COUNTRY, INCLUDING THE U.S. HE IS FAIRLY EASY TO TALK WITH.

5. REGARDLESS OF WHAT I MIGHT RAISE, MY CALLING ON HIM WOULD PROVIDE A LITMUS TEST TO ANY SHIFT IN AMIN'S FOREIGN POLICY. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL SIGNS THIS WEEK OF SOME COOLING IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AMIN AND THE SOVIETS, AND MY CALLING ON THE PRESIDENT WOULD GIVE HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO SIGNAL ANY CHANGE IN HIS POLICY TOWARD THE U.S., IF HE WERE SO INCLINED.

6. IF THE DEPARTMENT WISHED ME TO DO SO, I COULD ALSO USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS OUR RESPONSE TO THEIR DESIRE FOR A REDUCTION IN U.S. EMBASSY STAFF, BUT PROTOCOL-WISE THIS PERHAPS SHOULD BE KEPT AT THE MPA LEVEL.

7. PLEASE ADVISE. AMSTUTZ

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